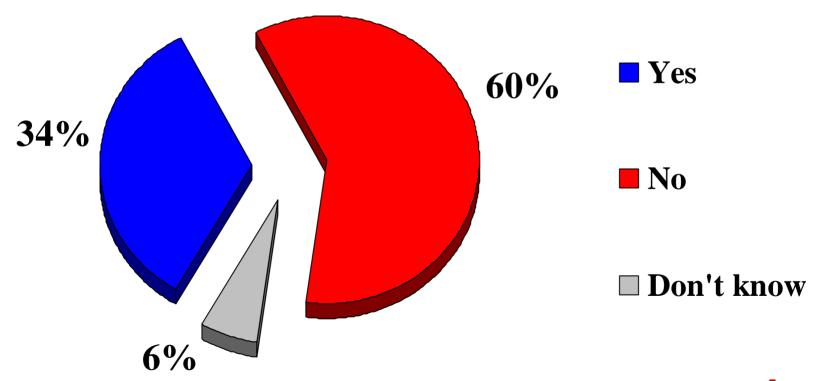
# Health Care and Health Services Research



#### Americans Say U.S. Health Care Not the Best

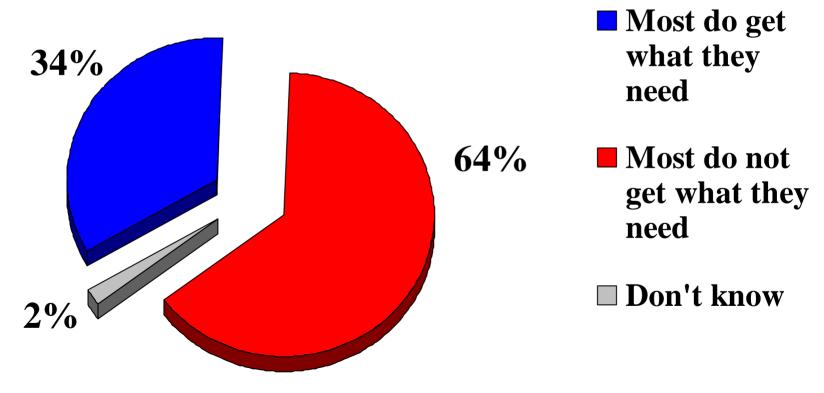
Do you believe that the United States has the best health care system in the world?





#### Americans Do Not Get Health Care They Need

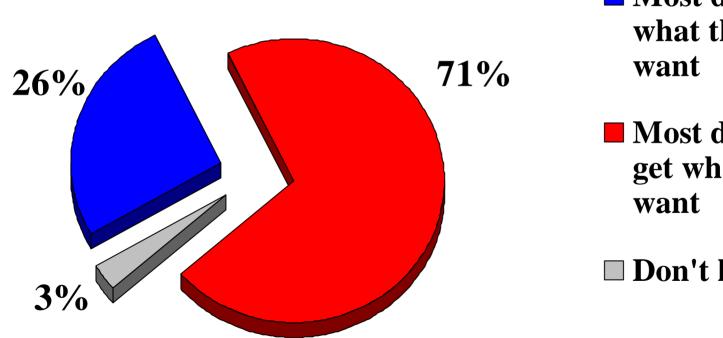
Do you think that most people in this country get the health and medical care they need or not?





#### **Americans Do Not Get Health Care They Want**

Do you think that most people in this country get the health and medical care they want or not?



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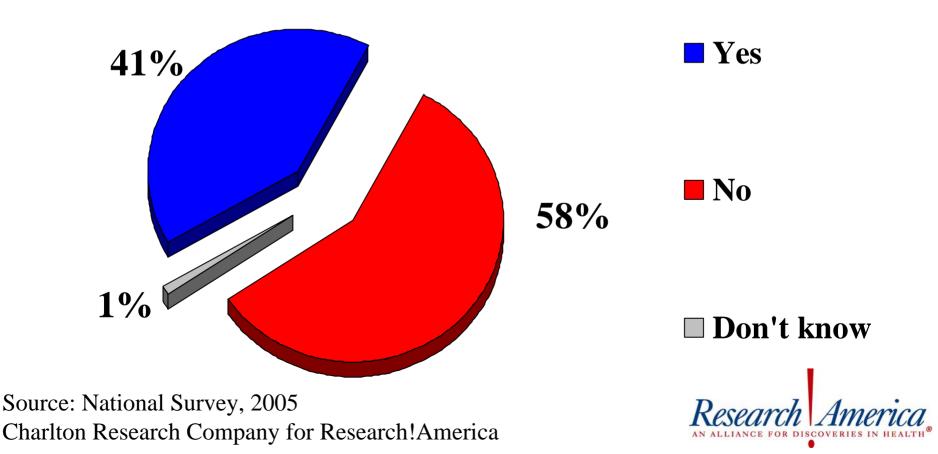
Most do not get what they

■ Don't know



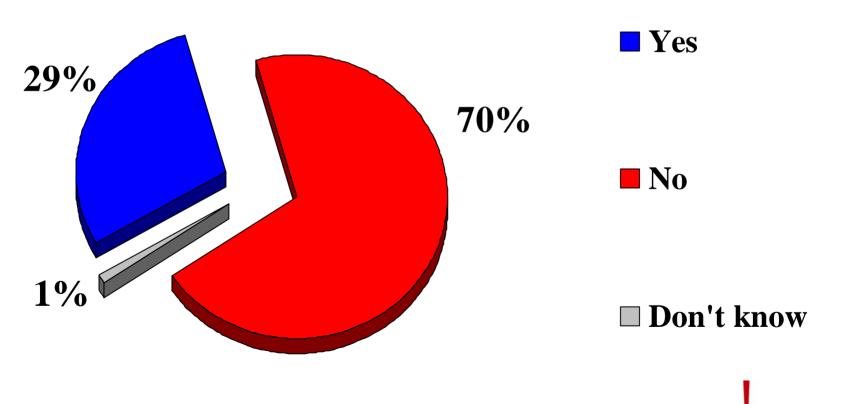
#### Medical Errors Affect Many Americans

Sometimes when people receive health care, mistakes are made that result in serious harm such as death, disability, or additional or prolonged treatment. These are called medical errors. Some of these errors are preventable, while others may not be. Have you or someone you know experienced a medical error?



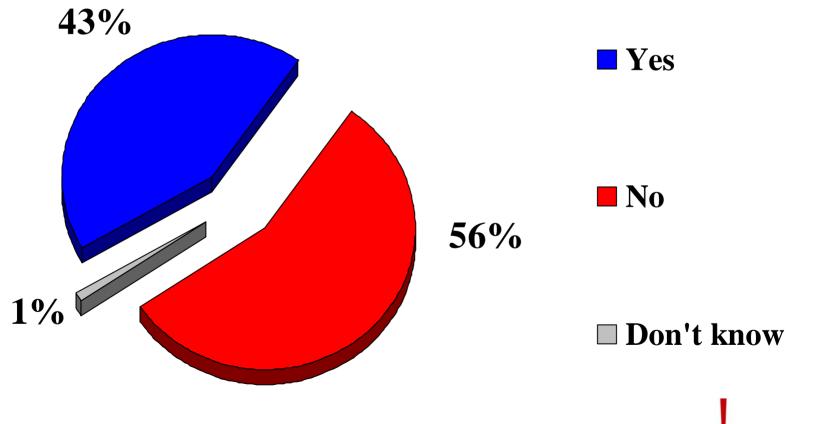
#### Majority of Americans Don't Feel They Get Unnecessary Care

Can you think of a time when you felt that you or a family member received unnecessary health care or treatment?



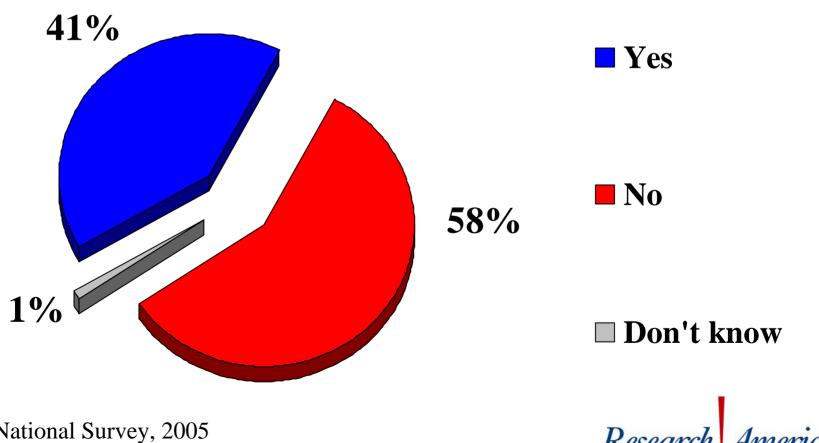
#### Americans Feel They Do *Not* Always Get Necessary Care

Can you think of a time when you felt that you or a family member didn't get the health care or treatment that was needed?



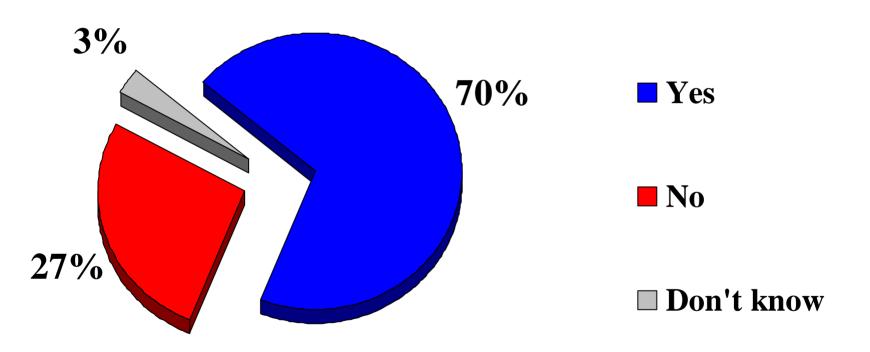
### Many Americans Think They Got the Wrong Care

Can you think of a time when you felt that you or a family member got what turned out to be the wrong health care or treatment?



### Americans Believe Health Care Is Based On Research

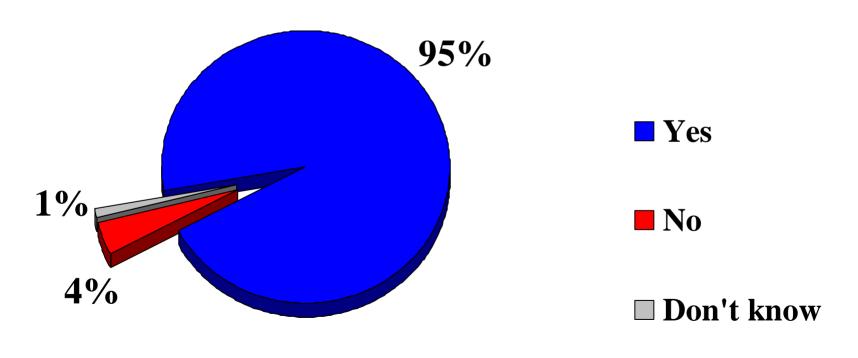
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### Americans Believe Health Care Should Be Based On Best Research

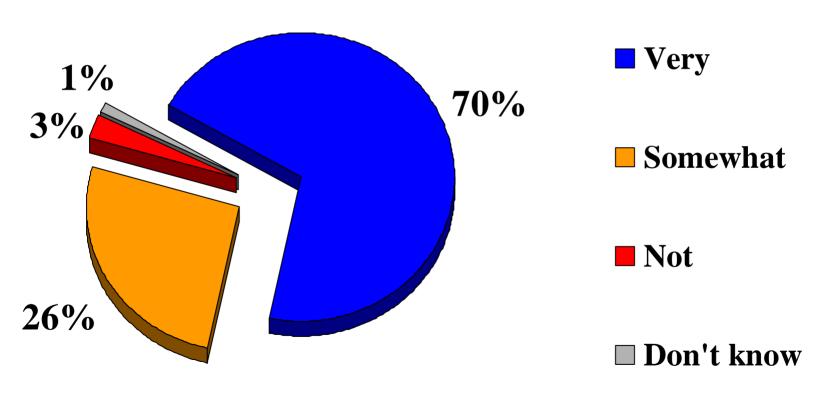
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### **Americans Think Investment in Research Important for Health Care**

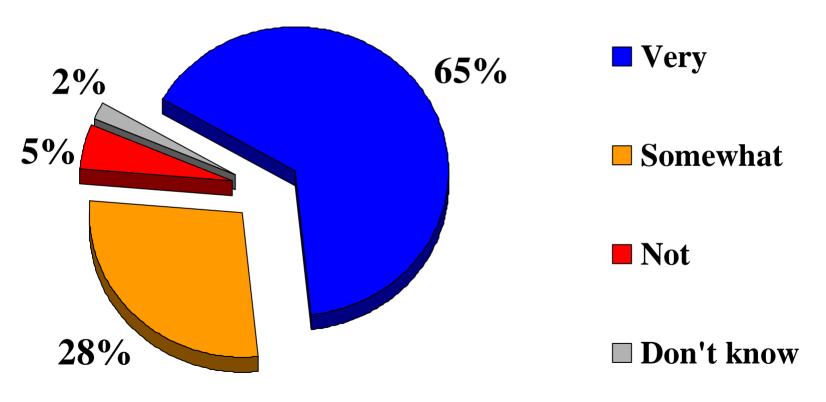
How important do you think it is that we invest in more research to assure that there is a solid scientific base for healthcare?





#### U.S. Investment in Health Services Research Is Very Important

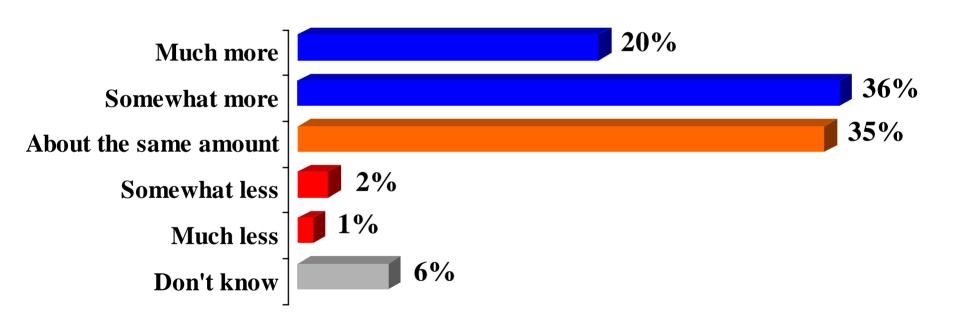
A type of research called health services research seeks to translate discoveries from research into medical practice. How important do you think it is for the United States to invest in health services research?





### Americans Want More Spent on Health Services Research

Currently, much less than one cent out of each health dollar spent in the U.S. is spent on research that helps translate discoveries into medical practice. How much of each health dollar do you think we SHOULD spend?



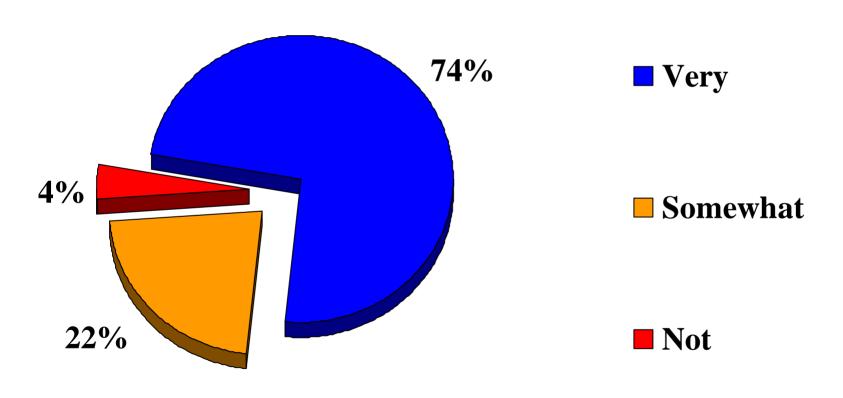


### Genetics and Personalized Medicine



#### Family Medical History Important to Health

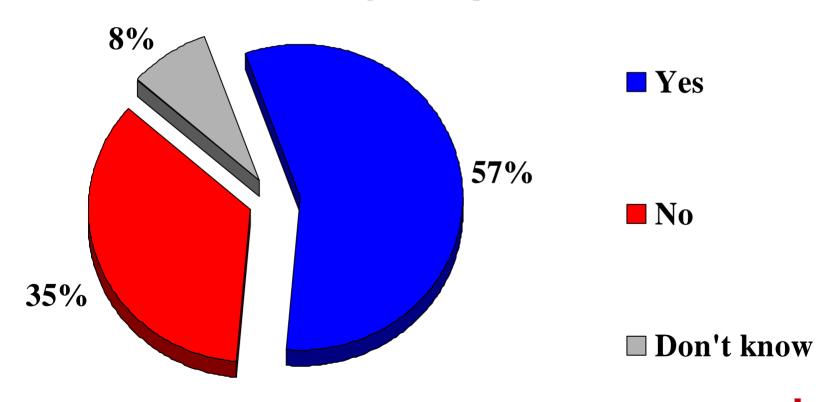
Thinking about your own health, how important do you think it is for you to know your family's medical history?





#### Americans Willing to be Genetically Tested

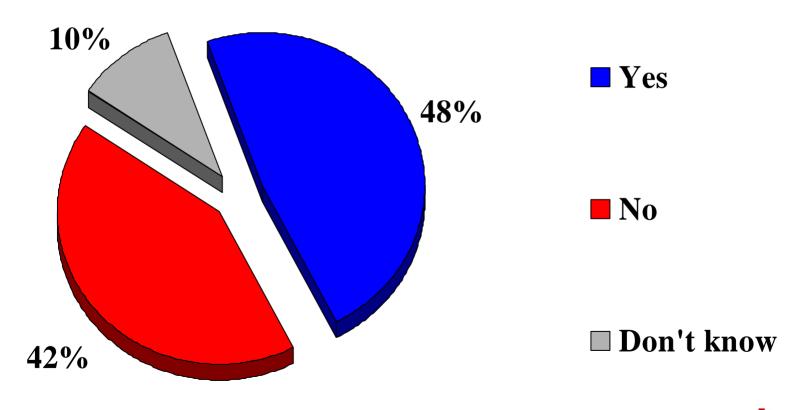
Researchers recently completed mapping the human genome and can now analyze an individual's complete genetic makeup. Would you be willing to be genetically tested to help doctors diagnose and prevent disease?





### Many Americans Willing to Contribute DNA for Research

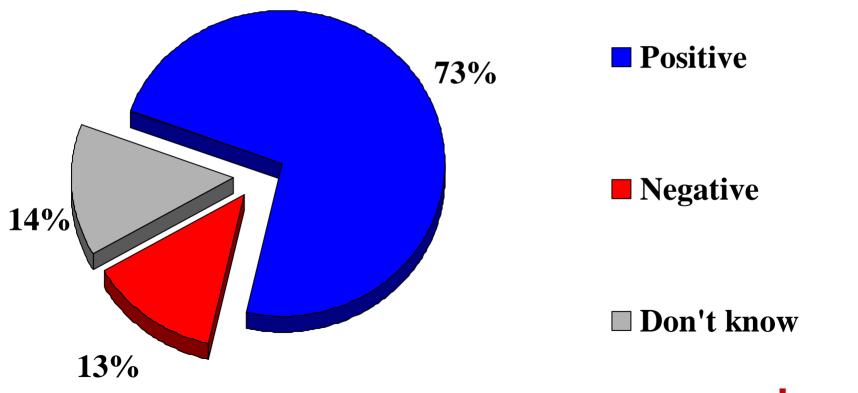
Would you be willing to contribute a sample of your DNA to a national databank to be used *only* for health related research?





#### Personalized Medicine Will Have Positive Impact

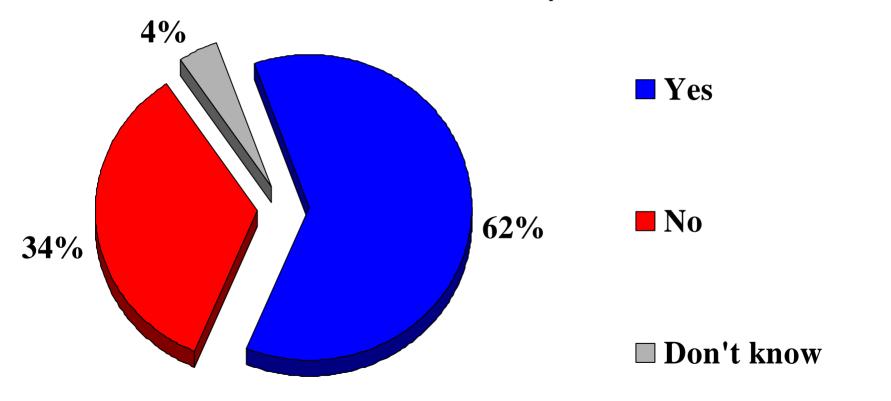
Personalized medicine refers to testing and treatment customized to an individual's genetic makeup. Do you think that personalized medicine will have a positive or negative impact on future health care?





#### **Americans Support Genetic Testing for Improved Medications**

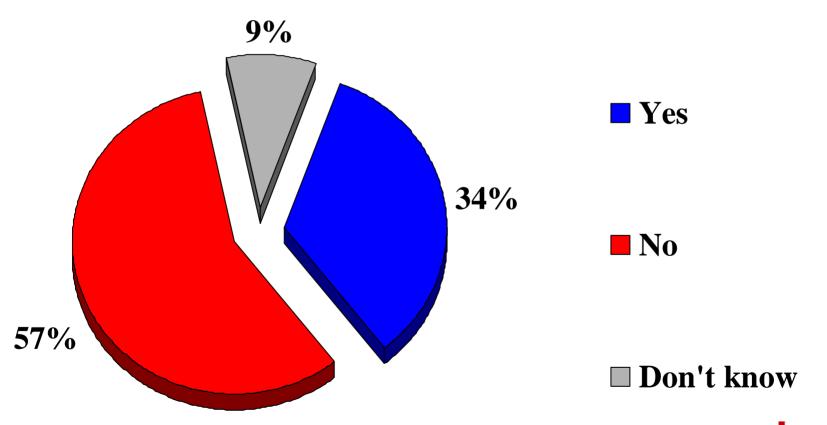
Would you want to be genetically tested to determine which medications might be most effective and safest for you?





#### Majority of Americans Not Willing to Pay More

Would you be willing to pay more for genetically personalized health care?





#### **Concerns About Genetic Testing**

What concerns, if any, do you have about genetic testing? (first mentions)

No concerns	39%
Safety/possible misuse of information	15%
Privacy invasion/Database of everyone	11%
Don't understand it	8%
Don't want it used for cloning	6%
Cost	4%
Might not be accurate	4%
Other (Less than 4% of responses)	8%
Don't know	5%

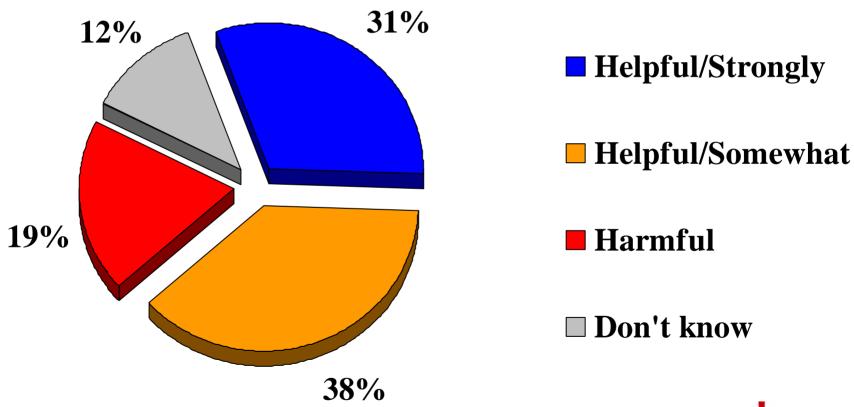
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### Health Information on the Internet



### Health Information on the Internet Helpful

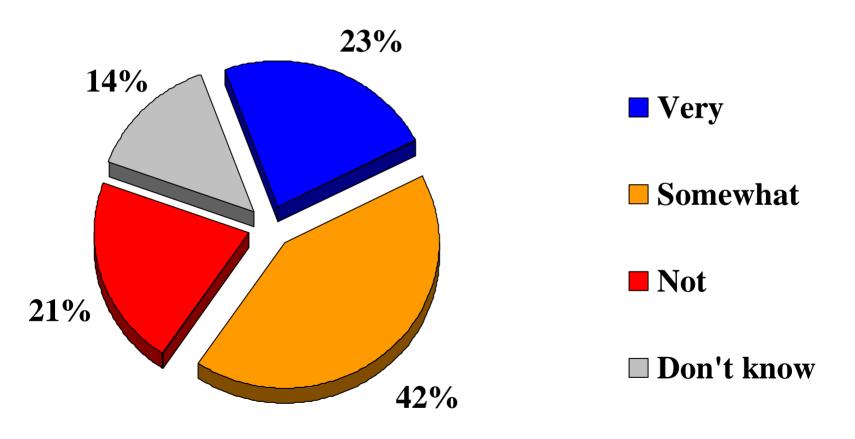
In general, do you think the availability of health information on the Internet is more helpful or more harmful?





### Health Information on the Internet Useful

How useful have found health information on the internet to be?





#### Types of Health Information Americans Look for on the Internet

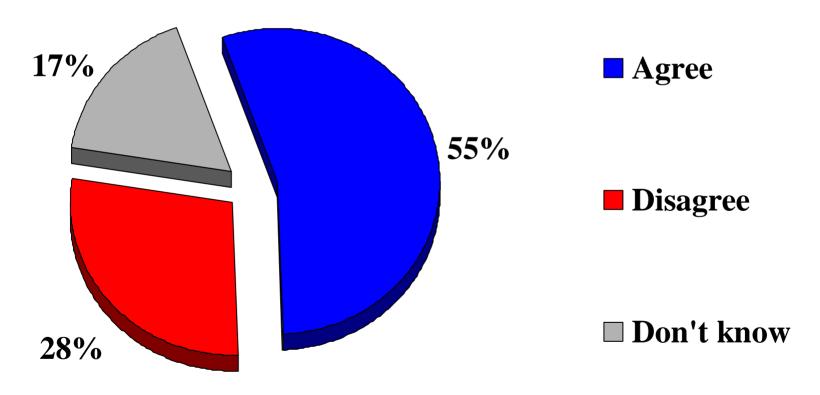
Have you ever used the Internet to look for information on the following topics?

Types of Information	Percent Saying Yes
Specific diseases	<b>58%</b>
Nutrition	33%
<b>Prescription Drugs</b>	32%
Health care providers (doctors/hospit	als) 28%
Exercise	27%
Health insurance	22%
Weight control	21%



### Internet Helps Many Americans Understand Own Health

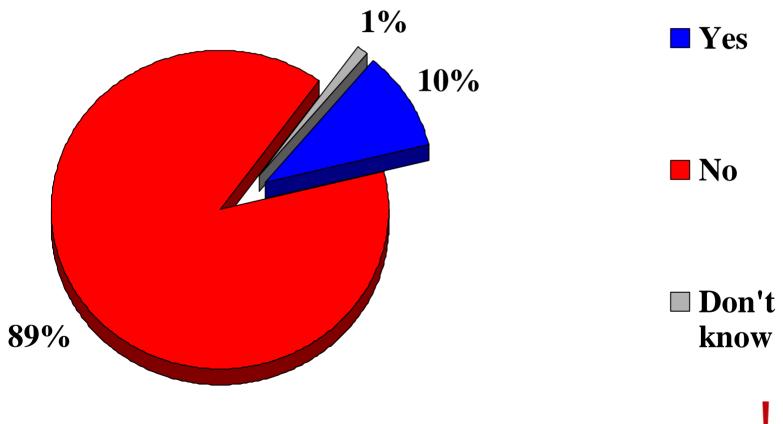
Do you agree or disagree that health information on the internet has improved your understanding of your overall health?





### Some Doctors Prescribe Information

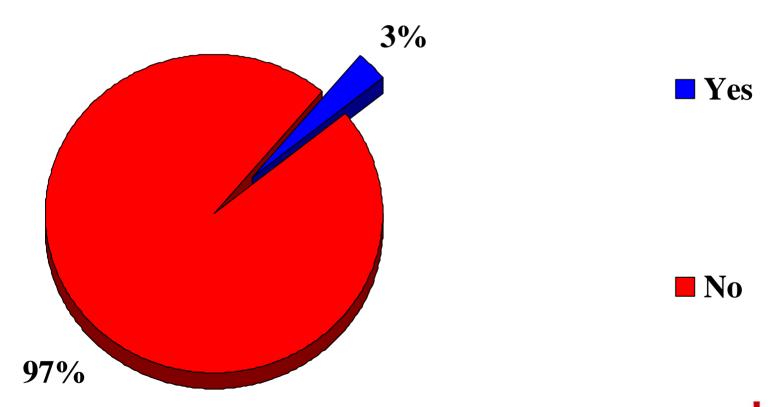
Has your doctor ever suggested you visit a web site for additional information?





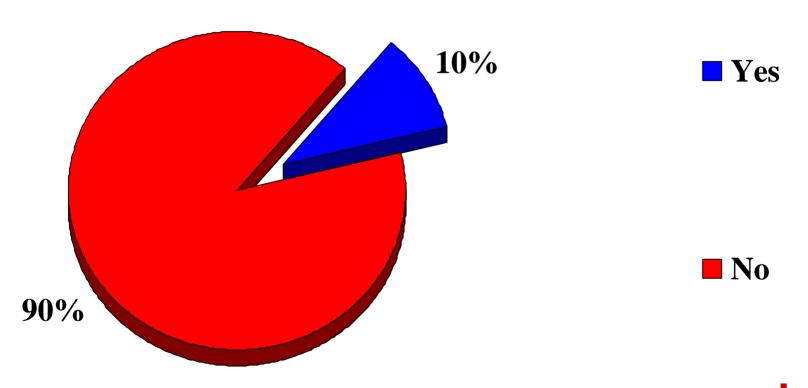
### Few Belong to Online Support Group for Medical Conditions

Do you belong to an online support group for a specific medical condition, such as arthritis, cancer or diabetes?





## Have you ever used email to communicate with your doctor or other health care provider?



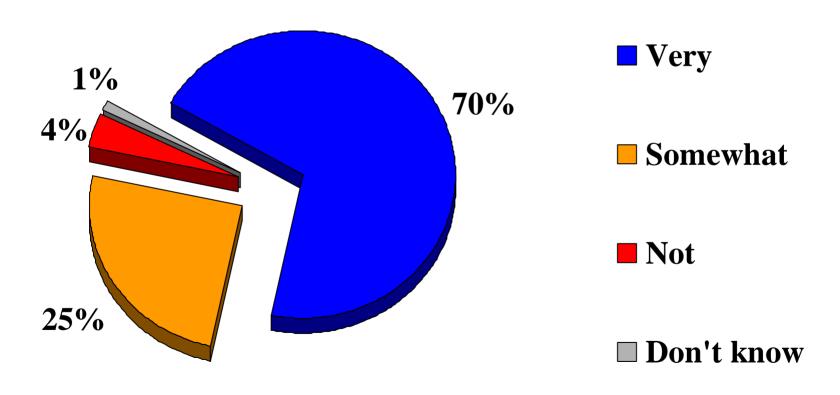


#### Patient Care Issues



#### Research to Improve Health Care Important

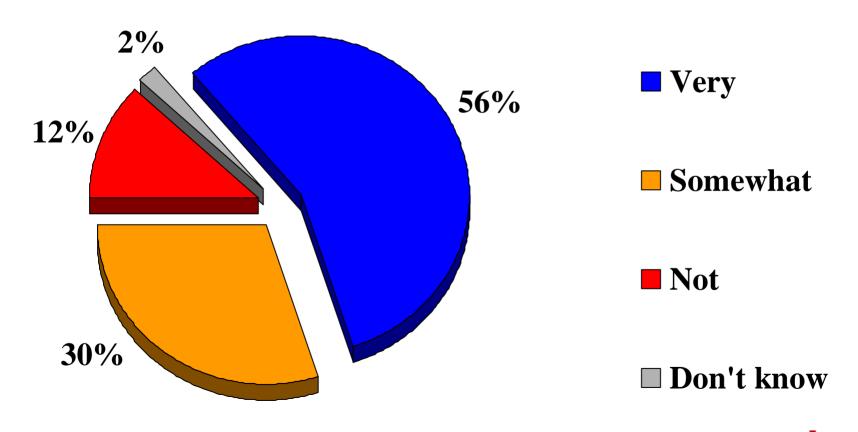
How important is it that our nation support research that focuses on how well the health care system is functioning and what could be done to make it function better?





### Americans Believe Doctors Very Familiar with Patient History

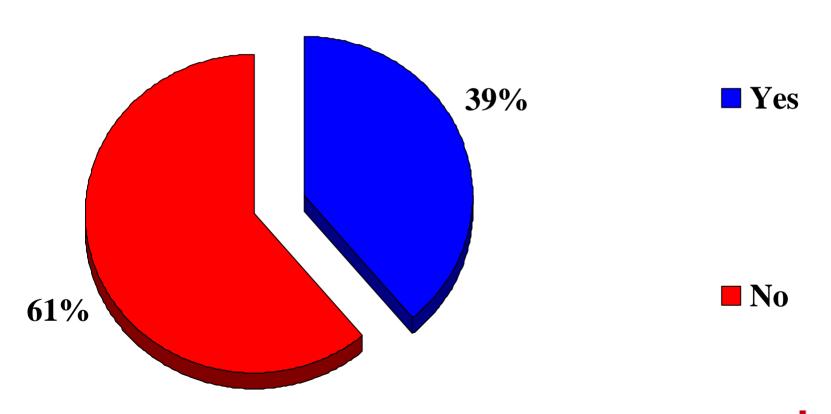
How familiar do you think your doctor is with your medical history?





### Majority of Americans Never Ask to See Own Medical Records

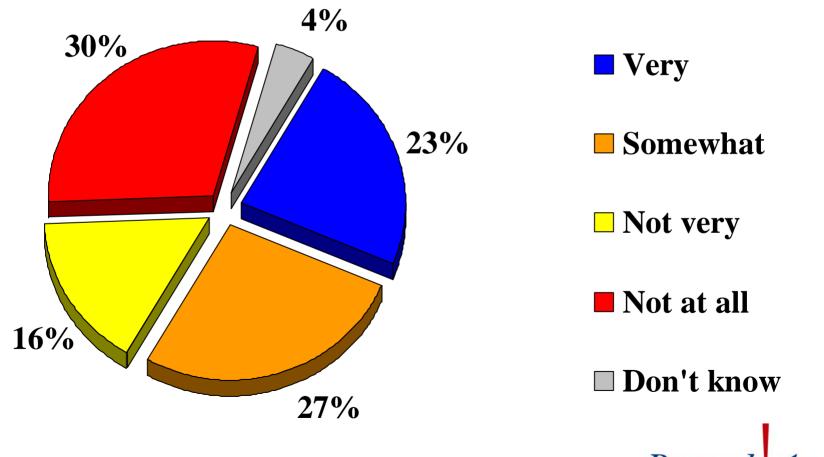
Have you ever asked your doctor or another health professional to let you see your medical records?





### Americans Divided on Usefulness of Online Medical Records

How useful would it be if you could look at your personal medical records online?



### Americans Satisfied with Current Health Care Coverage

How satisfied are you with your current health care coverage?

